ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC,

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31,

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Selectmen, Town Officers and School Committee

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MERRIMAC, MASS.,
PRINTED BY THE MERRIMAC BUDGET,
CLIFTON B. HEATH, MANAGER.
1898.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For the Year ending January 31, 1898.

Schools,	$8,300	
Highways,	1,800	
Sidewalks,	200	
Poor,	2,000	
Street Lights,	700	
Miscellaneous,	600	
Fire Department,	1,500	
New Hose,	700	
Town Officers,	1,500	
Interest,	200	
Discount,	850	
Public Library,	500	
Memorial Day,	75	
Superintendent of Schools,	350	
Constable Ives,	98	
Old Cemetery Fences,	100	
		$19,473

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

R. H. SARGENT, R. S. BAILEY,
T. L. GOODWIN.

CLERK.

BAILEY SARGENT.

TREASURER.

D. J. POORE.

COLLECTOR.

JOHN S. CLEMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

B. B. WOOD.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

F. F. PHILBRICK, BAILEY SARGENT,
JAMES T. LOCKE, ARTHUR W. CHASE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

T. H. HOYT,	Term	expires	March	1898.
BION GREEN,	"	"	"	1899.
FRANK E. PEASE,	"	"	"	1900.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

S. A. McCONNELL,	Term	expires	March	1898.
GEORGE G. LARKIN,	"	"	"	1898.
JAMES F. PEASE,	"	"	"	1899.
CHARLES W. SAWYER,	"	"	"	1899.
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,	"	"	"	1900.
R. S. BAILEY,	"	"	"	1900.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM M. CHASE, Chief,
JOHN B. THORN, WILLIAM JONAH.

TRUSTEES LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

J. A. LANCASTER,	Term expires March 1898.
GEORGE G. LARKIN,	" " " 1899.
C. E. ROWELL,	" " " 1900.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

WILLARD B. KELLEY, WALTER H. SARGENT.

POLICE.

J. FRED IVES, THOMAS PARKIN,
ALEX. HANNA.

AUDITOR.

PHILIP C. MEANS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

L. B. BLAISDELL, B. B. WOOD.

FENCE VIEWER.

CALVIN B. ROBINSON.

FIELD DRIVERS.

FRANK K. McLEOD, JAMES P. TITCOMB.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

R. H. SARGENT, SNOW BILL, JANUARY 30, 1897.

William H. Goldsmith, 25 hours at .20 per hour,	$ 5 00	
E. Grant, 21 hours at .20 per hour,	4 20	
D. Bunker, 20 hours at .20 per hour,	4 00	
F. S. Heath, 7 hours at .20 per hour,	1 40	
M. Luce, 9 hours at .20 per hour,	1 80	
A. Coombs, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
W. J. Carpenter, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
J. Doonan, 9 hours at .20 per hour,	1 80	
Geo. F. Kendrick, 20 hours at .20 per hour	4 00	
Z. Fourtin, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
T. Keogh, 10 hours at .20 per hour.	2 00	
		$ 30 20

BILL OF FEBRUARY.

F. Thurlow, 2 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	50	
E. Grant, 9 hours at .20 per hour,	1 80	
R. H. Sargent, 16 hours at .20 per hour,	3 20	
R. H. Sargent, horse, 30 hours at .10 per hour,	3 00	
J. Coiley, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
A. Coombs, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
		12 50

JOHN L. BLAISDELL, SNOW BILL, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

John L. Blaisdell, 35 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	7 87
J. L. Blaisdell, horse, 29 hours at .10 per hour,	2 90
J. Cahill, 10 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	2 10
D. Morrison, 48 3-4 hours at .20 per hour,	9 75
G. Grant, 21 hours at .20 per hour,	4 20
D. Williams, 3 hours at .20 per hour,	60
H. Evans, 11 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	2 30

Geo. F. Mason, 25 hours at .20 per hour,	$ 5 00	
I. Heald, 10 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	2 30	
G. Gilday, 11 hours at .20 per hour,	2 20	
L. D. Goddard, 6 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	1 30	
L. D. Goddard, 1 horse, 13 hours at .10 per hour,	1 30	
L. B. Blaisdell, 6 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	1 30	
L. B. Blaisdell, 1 horse, 13 hours at .10 per hour,	1 30	
P. Neal, 16 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	3 30	
H. Ordway, 6 hours at .20 per hour,	1 20	
T. Coleman, 4 hours at .20 per hour,	80	
T. Collins, 17 hours at .20 per hour,	3 40	
C. Noyes, 6 hours at .20 per hour,	1 20	
J. Currier, 4 hours at .20 per hour,	80	
S. C. Blaisdell, 6 hours at .20 per hour,	1 20	
Chas. Tibbetts, 17 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	3 50	
D. Willis, 11 hours at .20 per hour,	2 20	
F Bailey, 22 hours at .20 per hour,	4 40	
J. Connor, 5 hours at .20 per hour,	1 00	
M. Connor, 7 hours at .20 per hour,	1 40	
Rolla Bailey, 6 hours at .20 per hour,	1 20	
M. Bailey, 2 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	50	
W. H. Eastman, 3 hours at .20 per hour,	60	
Geo. Eaton, 3 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	70	
M. Cahill, 3-4 hour at .20 per hour,	15	
M. Burke. 8 hours at .20 per hour,	1 60	
F. Chase, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
Ashes 33 loads at .20 per load,	6 60	
Homer R. Sargent's snow bill,	10 35	
James H. Foster, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
		$ 94 52

BILL OF MARCH.

H. Hughes, 3 1-4 at .20 per hour,	65
C. Tibbetts, 7 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	1 50
J. Cahill, 11 hours at .20 per hour,	2 20
G. Gilday, 2 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	50
D. Williams, 4 1-4 hours at .20	85
R. Bailey, 24 hours at .20 per hour,	4 80
G. Grant, 4 hours at .20 per hour,	80
A. Williams, 4 hours at .20 per hour,	80
D. Morrison, 15 hours at .20 per hour,	3 00

J. L. Blaisdell, 33 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	$ 7 42	
J. L. Blaisdell, horse, 70 1-2 hours at .10 per hour,	7 05	
M. Travers, 29 hours at .20 per hour,	5 80	
L. Goddard, 18 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	3 70	
L. Goddard, 2 horses, 18 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	3 70	
M. Connor, 1-2 hour at .20 per hour,	10	
T. Collins, 1 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	30	
C. A. Bridges, care of crossing,	2 00	
9 loads ashes at .20 per load,	1 80	
Wood Bros., 35 hours at .20 per hour,	7 00	
W. H. Emerson and team, 27 3-4 hours at .40,	11 10	
J. Hartt, 8 hours at .40 per hour,	3 20	
E. Emerson, 14 hours at .20 per hour,	2 80	
T. Grant, 15 hours at .20 per hour,	3 00	
M. W. Sargent, 4 hours at .20 per hour,	80	
C. Simmons. 1 hour at .20	20	
F. Stevens, 5 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	1 10	
J. Woodman, 2 1-4 hours at .20 per hour,	45	
J. McNannie, 5 hours at .20 per hour,	1 00	
W. Veal, 2 hours at .20 per hour,	40	
Chas. A. Stevens, 24 1-4 hours at .20 per hour,	4 85	
W. B. Kelley,	15 40	
B. H. Battis,	12 07	
E. I. Grant, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
J. T. Crosby, 4 horses, and 3 men, 10 hours at $1.00,	10 00	
R. H. Sargent, removing snow,	9 50	
		$ 133 34

BILL OF APRIL.

John L. Blaisdell, 29 1-2 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	6 64	
John L. Blaisdell, 2 horses, 29 1-2 hours at .20,	5 90	
D. Morrison, 29 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	5 90	
R. Bailey, 29 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	5 90	
J. Mason, 19 1-2 hours at .20 per hour,	3 90	
L. Goddard and team, 5 1-2 hours at .40 per hour,	2 20	
B. B. Wood, 167 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	37 57 1-2	
Thomas Goodwin, 108 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	18 90	
M. Travers, 35 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	6 12 1-2	
Daniel Bunker, 150 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	26 25	
Charles Stevens, 152 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	26 60	
Wayne Sargent, 105 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	18 37 1-2	

William W. Sargent, 85 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	14 87 1-2	
John Scanlan, 30 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 25	
Bert Coombs, 45 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 87 1-2	
T. Grant, 35 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	6 12 1-2	
John Parker, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
Otis Currier, 10 hours at .12 1-2 per hour,	1 25	
M. Ordway, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
L. Goddard and team, 15 hours at .40 per hour,	6 00	
E. C. Little and team, 10 hours at .40 per hour,	4 00	
R. H. Sargent and team, 13 hours at .40 per hour,	5 20	
I. M. Gould and team, 49 hours at .40 per hour.	19 60	
Wood Bros. and team, 227 hours at .40 per hour,	90 80	
W. H. Emerson and team, 15 hours at .40 per hour,	6 00	
		$ 334 74

BILL OF MAY.

Theo. Grant, 10 hours at .20 per hour,	2 00	
B. B. Wood, 210 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	47 25	
Thomas Goodwin, 24 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 28	
Frank Goodwin, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
T. Grant, 23 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 03	
John Parker, 132 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	23 10	
John Scanlan, 38 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	6 65	
Charles Stevens, 50 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	8 75	
Daniel Bunker, 182 hours, at .17 1-2 per hour,	31 85	
Albert Coombs, 87 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	15 23	
John Woodman, 50 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	8 75	
M. W. Sargent, 80 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	14 00	
Geo. Ordway, 82 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	14 43	
Otis Currier, 40 hours at .12 1-2 per hour,	5 00	
Edward Emerson, 30 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 25	
Wood Bros., team 200 hours at .40 per hour,	80 00	
L. Goddard, team, 44 1-2 hours at .40 per hour,	17 80	
J. H. Hartt, team, 50 hours at .40 per hour,	20 00	
S. H. Connor, team, 30 hours at .40 per hour,	12 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, team, 10 hours at .40 per hour,	4 00	
Carriage Wheel & Gear. 73 loads gravel,	7 30	
T. L. Goodwin, 23 loads gravel,	2 30	
Ed. W. Morse, 46 loads gravel,	2 76	
Wm. Emerson, team, 40 hours at .40,	16 00	
		354 48

BILL OF JUNE.

B. B. Wood, 240 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	$ 54 00	
Charles Bailey, 28 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 90	
David Wadleigh, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
James Cooper,	1 00	
F. Bailey, 62 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	12 60	
S. Blaisdell, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
Thomas Goodwin, 155 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	27 13	
Daniel Bunker, 197 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	34 47	
W. W. Sargent, 145 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	25 38	
Albert Coombs, 177 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	30 96	
T. Grant, 35 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 13	
John Parker, 30 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 25	
Geo. Ordway, 150 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	26 25	
John Woodman, 72 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	12 60	
M. W. Sargent, 77 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	13 48	
Otis Currier, raking stones,	4 00	
Charles Chaplin, 110 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	19 25	
Robert Noble, 90 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	15 75	
Bert Farrington, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
Wood Bros., teaming, 300 hours at .40 per hour,	120 00	
I. M. Gould, teaming, 3 hours at .40 per hour,	1 20	
R. H. Sargent, teaming, 5 hours at .40 per hour,	2 00	
L. D. Goddard, teaming, 110 hours at .40 per hour,	44 00	
Wm. Emerson, teaming, 67 1-2 hours at .40,	27 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, teaming, 56 hours at .40.	22 40	
J. H. Hartt, teaming, 50 hours at .40 per hour,	20 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, 60 hours at .40 per hour,	24 00	
Wheel & Gear Co., 10 loads gravel,	1 00	
		$ 560 75

BILL OF JULY.

B. B. Wood, 60 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	13 50	
Wood Bros., team, 83 hours at .40 per hour,	33 20	
David Wadleigh, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
W. W. Sargent, 40 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 00	
T. Grant, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
Daniel Bunker, 62 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	10 85	
Geo. Ordway, 66 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	11 55	
Albert Coombs, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
I. Heald, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	

J. H. Hartt, team, 5 hours at .40 per hour,	$ 2 00	
Wm. Battis, team, 8 hours at .40 per hour,	3 20	
Mrs. Hall,	1 00	
Geo. Kendrick,	2 00	
L. Goddard, team, 28 1-2 hours at .40 per hour,	11 40	
R. Evans, 5 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	87	
		$ 107 07

BILL OF AUGUST.

B. B. Wood, 75 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	16 87	
D. Bunker, 75 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	13 13	
Geo. Ordway, 65 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	11 38	
W. W. Sargent, 45 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 87	
T. Grant, 30 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 25	
J. Fitzgerald, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
Wood Bros., team, 140 hours at .40 per hour,	56 00	
Wheel Factory, 8 loads gravel at .10 per load,	80	
Wheel Factory, 6 loads ashes at .25 per load,	1 50	
		116 30

BILL OF SEPTEMBER.

B. B. Wood, 90 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	20 25	
D. Bunker, 45 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 87	
W. W. Sargent, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
T. Collins, 55 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	9 62	
J. Fitzgerald, 45 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 88	
T. Grant, 30 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 25	
Geo. Ordway, 20 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
H. Jones, 5 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	88	
M. Connor, 10 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 75	
Wood Bros., team, 45 hours at .40 per hour,	18 00	
W. H. Emerson, team, 20 hours, at .40 per hour,	8 00	
B. Battis, team, 25 hours at .40 per hour,	10 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, team, 21 hours at .40 per hour,	8 40	
G. G. Davis, rolling sidewalk,	1 75	
Mr. Jackman, paving-stone,	2 00	
F. A. Sargent, cleaning ditch,	3 50	
		112 15

BILL OF OCTOBER.

Wm. Battis, team, 28 hours at .40 per hour,	11 20	
		11 20

BILL OF NOVEMBER.

B. B. Wood, 55 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	$ 12 37	
Wood Bros., team, 82 1-2 hours at .40 per hour,	33 00	
James Cooper, labor,	1 00	
D. C. Bunker, 105 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	18 38	
Will Bunker, 75 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	13 12	
W. W. Sargent, 61 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	10 68	
J. Evans, 27 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 73	
R. H. Sargent, team, 7 hours at .40 per hour,	2 80	
M. Connor, labor, 7 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 22	
J. Connor, 14 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	2 45	
L. B. Blaisdell, team, 3 hours at .40 per hour,	1 20	
J. Fitzgerald, 9 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	1 58	
J. Parker, 27 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 72	
B. H. Battis, 73 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	12 78	
B. H. Battis, team, 32 hours at .40 per hour,	12 80	
		$ 132 83

BILL OF DECEMBER.

B. B. Wood, 27 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	6 08	
M. W. Sargent, 42 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 44	
T. Grant, 24 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 28	
S. Blaisdell, 24 1-2 hours at 17 1-2 per hour,	4 28	
J. Woodman, 32 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 60	
Wood Bros., team, 70 1-2 hours at .40 per hour,	28 20	
E. Little, 54 hours at .40 per hour,	21 60	
S. H. Connor, 27 hours at .40 per hour,	10 80	
R. H. Sargent, 27 hours at .40 per hour,	10 80	
J. H. Hartt, 27 hours at .40 per hour,	10 80	
L. B. Blaisdell, 27 hours at .40 per hour,	10 80	
T. L. Goodwin, 126 loads gravel,	12 60	
2-5 Amesbury's proportion of Rocks Bridge,	99 79	
		233 07

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS FOR HIGHWAYS.

J. E. Currier, lumber, tile, etc.,	$ 75 56
F. S. Hardwick, Mgr., repairs on road machine,	1 50
C. A. Barton, damage caused by defect in highway,	12 50
J. E. Currier, supplies,	42 71
David Wadleigh, jobbing,	6 20
Frank Anderson, jobbing,	6 68
Chemford Foundry Co., grate,	8 00

D. D. Chase, cement,	1 30	
F. S. Hardwick, repairs on road machine,	2 00	
J. E. Currier, supplies,	28 83	
D. D. Chase, cement,	1 25	
Isaie LaBrie, labor on ditch,	1 50	
		188 03
L. B. Blaisdell, snow bill, '98,	13 89	
		13 89
		$ 2,435 07
Appropriation for Highways,	$ 1,800 00	
Tax on Bicycles,	67 66	
Overdrawn,	567 41	
		$ 2,435 07

SIDEWALKS.

T. Grant, moving sand and brick,	$ 1 25	
Michael Connor, labor, 30 hours at .17 1-2,	5 25	
Nicholas Powers, setting curbing and paving,	95 00	
A. H. Saltmarsh & Co., concreting sidewalks,	142 89	
Bion Green, freight on stone curbing,	10 61	
R. H. Sargent, to drawing curbing,	5 00	
T. Grant, 36 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	6 30	
M. Connor, 25 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 38	
D. Wadleigh, 14 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	2 54	
R. H. Sargent, 15 hours at .20 per hour,	3 00	
S. E. Connor, sand and labor,	3 90	
C. H. Bragdon & Son, curbing,	40 40	
Thomas Lahey, curbing,	20 18	
		$ 340 70
Appropriation,	$ 200 00	
Received from Geo. Nichols estate,	23 27	
Overdrawn,	117 43	
		$ 340 70

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

Bion Green, freight on stone,	$ 42 00
C. H. Bragdon & Son, covering stone,	78 00
R. H. Sargent, drawing stone,	10 00
T. Grant, 53 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	9 28
M. W. Sargent, 33 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 78
John Parker, 25 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 37
Charles Stevens, 43 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 52
M. Travers, 33 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 78
M. Connor, 25 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 37
John Fitzgerald, 43 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 52
C. A. Wallace, 20 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50
G. A. Ordway, 38 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	6 65
W. W. Sargent, 28 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 90
P. Legassy, 32 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 60
Edward Beughon, 21 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 67
William Beughon, 22 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 85
E. W. Roberts,	70 00
Bion Green, freight on stone,	25 60
E. W. Roberts,	100 00
T. Grant, 200 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	35 00
J. Fitzgerald, 20 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50
E. Beughon, 81 3-4 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	14 32
P. Legassy, 40 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	7 00
C. Stevens, 30 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	5 25
W. W. Sargent, 55 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	9 63
M. W. Sargent, 64 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	11 20
W. H. Emerson, team, 45 hours at .40 per hour,	18 00
W. H. Emerson, team, 31 hours labor at .30,	9 30
R. H. Sargent, team, 17 hours labor at .40 per hour,	6 80
C. H. Bragdon & Son, covering and base stone,	67 50

H. H. Bean & Son, cement,	241 20	
I. H. Pendergast, teaming, 17 1-2 hours at .40,	7 00	
Wood Bros., teaming,	24 45	
Exeter Machine Works, railing for bridge,	39 40	
E. C. Little, stone for bridge,	59 00	
E. W. Roberts,	166 53	
Mrs. Charles H. Nichols, sand,	1 35	
F. C. Williams, jobbing,	3 90	
J. P. Titcomb, surveying,	7 75	
J. E. Currier,	11 66	
B. B. Wood, 165 hours at .22 1-2 per hour,	37 12	
D. Bunker, 145 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	25 38	
Geo. Ordway, 60 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	10 50	
M. W. Sargent, 162 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	28 43	
T. Grant, 160 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	28 00	
M. Connor, 4 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	70	
J. Fitzgerald, 150 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	26 35	
D. Wadleigh, 90 1-2 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	15 84	
T. Collins, 65 hours at .17 1-2 per hour,	11 37	
Wm. Battis, team, 10 hours at .40 per hour,	4 00	
Wood Bros., team, 170 hours at .40 per hour,	68 00	
S. H. Connor, team, 35 hours at .40 per hour,	14 00	
J. H. Hartt, team, 10 hours at .40 per hour,	4 00	
W. H. Emerson, team, 20 hours at .40 per hour,	8 00	
Power Station, 14 loads ashes at .25 per load,	3 50	
M. Connor, 25 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	4 37	
D. E. Wadleigh, 75 hours labor at 17 1-2 per hour,	13 05	
C. A. Wallace, 16 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	2 80	
J. Fitzgerald, 20 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
T. Grant, 20 hours labor at .17 1-2 per hour,	3 50	
Wm. Jones, painting bridge and stock,	10 62	
W. Burlingame, treas., supplies,	78	
F. Mitchell, jobbing,	3 60	
N. L. Howe, labor on railing,	34 40	
		$1,509 04
Received from H., M. & A. on bridge,		200 00
		$1,309 04

STREET LIGHTS.

E. S. McKay, care of street lights,	$ 332 10	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	234 54	
Globe Gaslight Co., lamps and posts,	34 20	
J. Muldoon, repairs,	2 80	
F. C. Williams, repairs,	4 30	
W. W. Lydston, repairs,	78	
		$ 608 72
Unexpended,		91 28
		$ 700 00
Appropriation,		$ 700 00

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. E. W. Smart, postage,	$ 2 00
Merrimac Budget, printing and town reports,	189 25
W. H. Emerson, abating nuisance on plains,	23 10
Merrimac Budget, printing,	8 50
A. W. Brownell, printing notices,	2 50
M. P. Sargent, council on Chase and Holbrook case,	3 00
John Muldoon, labor on town hall,	2 25
Mrs. E. W. Smart, postage,	2 00
F. S. Hardwick, jobbing,	2 80
R. S. Bailey, expense to Boston acc't N & A. R. R.,	1 70
John Donahue, painting bank room,	56 43
J E. Currier, bill of supplies for bank room,	18 05
T. L. Goodwin, tax collector's book,	2 00
Goodwin & Kendrick, paint for bank,	22 60
W. W. Lydston, supplies, stock and labor,	14 61
J. B. Heath, stock and labor on bank,	90 25
Merrimac Budget, printing,	26 25
Mrs. E. W. Smart, postage and box rent,	3 75
Albert Coombs, mowing cemetery,	12 00
J. T. Crosby, cleaning vault,	2 00
J. E. Muldoon, repairs on pump,	2 35
J. J. Woodman, mowing lower cemetery,	5 00

Mrs. I. Head, cleaning town hall,	3 60	
Geo. N. Goodwin, stationery,	5 83	
R. S. Bailey, expense to Boston, highway com.,	3 00	
C. A. Wallace, disinfecting watering trough,	5 00	
Charles E. Ware, receiver, insurance,	9 00	
Andrew Wilson, repairs on town hall,	21 13	
Goodwin & Kendrick, paint,	6 41	
Bailey Sargent, insurance on town hall,	73 90	
Merrimac Budget, printing notices, etc.,	7 00	
A. F. Nason, charcoal,	2 00	
Merrimac Budget, printing,	18 00	
R. S. Bailey, expense to Salem, highway com.,	1 50	
J. W. Nichols, guide boards,	1 00	
J. Muldoon, labor on town hall furnace,	4 55	
Sargent Coal Co., coal for police station,	11 00	
Greenough, Adams & Cushins, town ink,	75	
C. W. Chapman, stock and labor on bank,	8 28	
Story & Co., telephone,	1 55	
Bailey Sargent, insurance on town hall,	17 50	
J, C. Libby, putting up booths,	3 00	
James Whittier, damages,	5 00	
W. C. Russell, expressage,	4 10	
Geo. F. Mason, labor on watering trough,	1 00	
A. H. Pierce, return of births,	2 00	
F. E. Sweetsir, return of births,	4 75	
C. H. Hughes, care of watering trough,	5 00	
Mrs. E. W. Smart, postage stamps,	1 00	
W. W. Lydston, supplies,	3 00	
John Cleary, supplies, Sargent hall, police station,	14 54	
N. L. Howe, labor on awning,	1 15	
Bailey Sargent, recording marriages, births, deaths,	28 97	
Charles A. Ayers, board of J. Hammergrin, Newburyport jail,	75	
		$ 767 65
Appropriation,	$ 600 00	
Overdrawn,	167 65	
		$ 767 65

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Wm. P. Fitzgerald, salary,	$ 6 38
C. H. Fellows & Co., supplies,	4 00
Sargent Coal Co., coal at centre,	6 00
Sargent Coal Co., coal at Port,	6 00
New England Gamewell Co., supplies,	7 40
The Rollins Press, book,	1 00
Bailey Sargent, insurance,	91 25
Frank E. Wiggin, clerk Steamer Co.,	534 60
L. J. Whittier, clerk, Gen. McClellan Co.,	399 34
J. W. Brady, clerk, Hook and Ladder Co.,	113 10
S. H. Connor, drawing steamer,	5 00
S. H. Connor, drawing Hook and Ladder,	2 50
Wm. H. Blodgett, services, fireman and engineer,	35 00
J. B. Thorn, services as fireman and engineer,	35 00
Wm. M. Chase, services as fireman and engineer,	35 00
Cornelius Callahan Co., 1200 feet of hose,	600 00
John Donahue, services as steward,	7 00
Cornelius Callahan Co., supplies,	3 25
E. P. Sargent, stock and labor,	2 00
Everett M. Heath, labor,	1 80
F. S. Hardwick, pole and whiffletree,	3 75
D. W. Gould, pole straps,	3 50
F. C. Williams, chains,	3 60
I. B. Little & Co., supplies,	84
C. H. Perkins & Co., supplies,	4 75
Bion Green, freight,	25
Manchester Locomotive Works,	1 80
David E. Wadleigh, jobbing,	1 75
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	42 40
E. W. Roberts, labor,	8 92
I. B. Little & Co., supplies,	3 35
Sargent Coal Co., coal for Merrimacport,	22 20
Albert Russell & Sons, cover for well,	3 00
Oak Hall Clothing Co., overcoats,	35 00

L. D. Goddard, grading,	$ 11 60	
Kimball & Co., supplies,	1 05	
J. E. Muldoon, labor,	1 75	
A. E. Colman labor,	2 00	
J. F. Brown,	1 15	
Bion Green, freight,	25	
I. B. Little & Co., supplies,	60	
I. B. Little & Co., horse blankets,	13 75	
Merrimac Budget, printing,	1 00	
James Cooper, stock and labor,	2 25	
J. E. Currier, stock and labor,	5 17	
C. H. Hughes, repairs,	1 00	
H. C. Colby, labor on alarm,	1 50	
Sargent Coal Co., wood,	2 75	
J. W. Bailey, work on fire alarm,	75	
J. C. Libby, stock and labor,	8 56	
Story & Co., supplies,	35	
F. C. Williams, jobbing,	25	
L. D. Goddard, jobbing,	2 50	
J. H. Murphy, acid,	25	
C. H. Perkins & Co., supplies,	6 70	
American Express Co., expressage,	1 05	
W. C. Russell, expressage,	2 30	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	5 03	
R. R. Sorenson, supplies,	5 51	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	7 76	
James Cooper, labor,	1 00	
A. M. Waterhouse Estate, painting,	1 25	
J. E. Currier, lumber,	4 66	
J. A. Heath, labor,	4 50	
W. W. Lydston, labor and supplies,	11 68	
Wood Bros., trucking and supplies,	20 75	
I. H. Pendergast, trucking, etc.,	9 50	
		$ 2,170 90
Unexpended,		29 10
		$ 2,200 00

Appropriation,	$ 1,500 00	
Appropriation for New Hose,	700 00	
		$ 2,200 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

R. H. Sargent, chairman selectmen,	$ 215 00	
R. S. Bailey, selectman,	125 00	
T. L. Goodwin, selectman,	125 00	
Bailey Sargent, clerk and registrar of voters,	80 00	
D. J. Poore, town treasurer and library treasurer,	75 00	
J. S. Clement, collector,	300 00	
J. F. Ives, constable and police,	168 00	
Alex. Hanna, police officer to January 1st,	25 00	
F. F. Philbrick, registrar of voters,	20 00	
James T. Locke, " "	20 00	
Arthur W. Chase, " "	20 00	
T. H. Hoyt, school committee,	55 00	
Bion Green, " "	50 00	
F. E. Pease, " "	50 00	
Clarence A. Morrill, auditor,	20 00	
C. A. Wallace, inspector of cattle,	75 00	
John J. Woodman, moderator at March meeting,	5 00	
C. B. Heath, ballot clerk, March and November,	6 00	
A. Wesley Colby, " " "	6 00	
Horace W. Haskell, " " "	6 00	
R. J. Eaton, " " "	6 00	
Edward P. Sargent, teller,	3 00	
Geo. B. Patten. teller, March and November,	6 00	
E. S. Ricker, teller for November,	3 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, teller, March and November,	6 00	
F. E. Hale, teller, March and November,	6 00	
H. K. Emery, teller for March,	3 00	
Thomas Parkin, janitor of town hall,	86 25	
Thomas Parkin, police,	50 00	
		$ 1,615 25
Appropriation,	$1,500 00	
Due from State from cattle com'r salary,	37 50	
Overdrawn,	77 75	
		$ 1,615 25

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

Support of Mrs. Allison.		
Mrs. Hattie A. Currier, board,	$ 75 00	
C. A. Bridges, shoes,	1 50	
J. S. Evans, shoes,	1 50	
Little & Co., supplies,	2 50	
		$ 80 50
Support of Andrew J. Heath.		
Mrs. Julia B. Heath, board,	156 00	
		156 00
Support of Alice R. Gray and daughter.		
Calvin Sargent, board,	200 00	
Calvin Sargent, supplies,	2 45	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	2 25	
		204 70
Support of Alice Allison.		
Ingleside Home, board,	110 00	
		110 00
Support of Ann Waining.		
A. P. Chaples, board,	104 00	
		104 00
Support of Otis S. Currier.		
Caroline Johnson, rent,	44 00	
J. H. Cleary, groceries,	34 66	
R. R. Sorenson, groceries,	15 00	
G. A. Titcomb, provisions,	22 06	
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	5 65	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	1 40	
Sargent Coal Co.,	6 25	
		129 02
Aid of Mrs. Otis Currier.		
A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,	26 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	44 00	
		70 00

Aid of George Jenkins.		
Town of Sharon, supplies,	$ 30 98	
		$ 30 98
Aid of Susan Sargent.		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance.	8 00	
H. J. Cushing, med. attendance to child,	6 00	
		14 00
Aid of Lydia Goodwin.		
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	3 13	
		3 13
Aid of Horace Cooper.		
H. H. Bean, coal,	5 75	
Town of Amesbury, supplies,	7 13	
		12 88
Aid of Mrs. John Jenkins.		
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	2 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	3 65	
		5 65
Aid of James A. Mason.		
J. B. Heath & Son, burial,	20 00	
I. H. Pendergast, hearse,	3 00	
Sargent Coal Co.,	3 33	
Wood Bros., moving,	3 50	
J. E. Currier, rent,	5 00	
		34 83
Aid of Moses Blotner.		
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	5 00	
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	4 25	
J. H. Cleary, groceries,	3 00	
		12 25
Aid of Michael Burke.		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	12 50	
J. H. Cleary, groceries,	70 50	
		83 00
Aid of John O'Brien.		
Town of Amesbury, supplies,	23 57	
E. H. Alexander, coal,	2 88	
		26 45
Aid of Kate McCabe.		
Town of Amesbury, 2-5 support,	41 60	
		41 60

Aid of Margaret Noon.		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance.	$ 6 25	
		$ 6 25
Aid of Alice Butterfield.		
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	32 00	
J. B. Heath & Son, casket,	14 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	3 65	
I. H. Pendergast, hearse,	4 00	
Geo. Mason, digging grave,	2 00	
Sophia Kippenberger, nurse,	20 00	
Mrs. A. Hanna, board of nurse,	7 00	
		82 65
Aid of Mrs. Blackburn.		
Robert Noble, board,	92 00	
Little & Co., supplies,	4 20	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	5 10	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	45 50	
S. A. McConnell, medicine,	12 92	
T. L. Goodwin, expenses to Salem and Lawrence,	6 00	
Hattie Lockwood, witness at Lawrence,	2 00	
Julia A. Hale, witness at Lawrence,	2 00	
F. O. Raymond, serving warrant,	11 05	
		180 77
Aid of Mrs. Wm. Bellell.		
City of Newburyport, rent and fuel,	74 50	
R. C. Huntington, rent,	13 00	
Sargent Coal Co.,	2 60	
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	18 20	
		108 30
J. B. Heath & Sons, casket, re-imbursed by state,	35 00	
		35 00
Expense of Board of Selectmen visiting poor according to acts of 1897,	11 10	
		11 10
Aid of Lyman Sargent.		
Moses Bailey, board,	33 00	
J. S. Evans, shoes,	2 25	
Kempton & Co., clothing,	6 00	
		41 25

Aid of W. O. Haddock.		
City of Newton, supplies,	$ 29 20	
		$ 29 20
Aid of Edward Twombly.		
Alex. Hanna, quarantine,	15 50	
J. T. Crosby, cleaning vault,	2 50	
B. A. Veal, nurse,	60 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	2 00	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	1 00	
W. A. Howe, fumigating,	3 00	
		84 00
Aid of John Sternes, state account.		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	23 95	
J. H. Cleary, groceries,	6 32	
R. R. Sorenson, groceries,	3 00	
		33 27
Aid of John Antell, state account.		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	26 50	
F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	25 00	
J. B. Heath & Son, burial,	10 25	
Preble Bros., groceries,	4 26	
Geo. A. Titcomb, provisions,	1 51	
E. S. McKay, milk,	1 95	
		69 47
Aid of Jacob Fowler.		
H. J. Cushing, vacinating two children,	2 00	
		2 00
Aid of John Marsh,		
H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	13 50	
		13 50
Support of Patients at Insane Asylum.		
Danvers Asylum, for 1896, (carried over.)		
Mrs. Ellen Crowley,	65 01	
Chauncy Knowlton,	42 71	
Wm. Carr,	42 71	
		150 43
1897.		
Adeline Lawson,	165 47	
Chauncy Knowlton,	165 47	
Wm. Carr,	165 47	
Homer Labrie,	95 10	
		591 51

Medfield Asylum.		
Michael Riley,	127 90	
		127 90
		$2,685 59

Due from State, account of John Marsh,	$ 13 50	
" State on account of John Sternes,	33 27	
" State on account John Antell,	69 47	
" Burial fund,	35 00	
" City of Newburyport, acct. of J. Fowler,	2 00	
" City of Newburyport acct. A. Butterfield,	82 65	
" Mrs. Ellen Crowley estate,	117 96	
" Joseph Blackburn,	180 77	
" Edward Twombly,	67 50	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
Overdrawn,	83 47	
		$ 2,685 59

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Paid D. J. Poore, treasurer,	$ 500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Col. C. R. Mudge Post 114 G. A. R.,	$ 75 00
Appropriation,	75 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

R. D. McKeen, superintendent,	$ 319 95
C. C. Ferguson, principal High school,	1,177 50
L. F. Tucker, assistant "	588 75
A. L. Knight, assistant "	200 00
L. A. Crawford, Grammar,	487 50
Emma Pearson, "	390 00
Ida Blaisdell, Port "	438 75
Jessie L. Holmes, Grammar,	438 75
Mary H. Head, Intermediate,	390 00
Annie R. Hunter, "	390 00
Etta Colby, Primary,	390 00
Carrie Evans, Prospect Street Primary,	390 00
L. C. Brackett, Middle Street Primary,	390 00
Hattie A. Baxter, Port Primary	390 00
Abbie Clement, Bear Hill,	341 25
Lizzie Smith, Music,	205 53
Mary L. Cook, Drawing,	56 00
Mrs. S. E. Price, Drawing,	126 00
D. Moyer Staley, writing,	21 50
C. P. Baker, janitor,	231 00
Mrs. Edward Whalen, janitor, Prospect street,	78 00
Isaac Heald, janitor, Port,	52 80
John Sargent, janitor, Port,	25 20
Harry Morgan, janitor, Bear Hill,	20 00
Edward Emerson, janitor "	16 00
John Davis, janitor "	3 00
E. C. Sherman, janitor, Middle street,	155 75
W. G. Bailey, transportation of pupils,	372 50
James H. Foster, janitor Highland School,	6 00
D. C. Heath, supplies,	27 71
Franklin Educational Co.,	8 82
A. E. Foote,	9 00
Ginn & Co.,	84 32
Mary L. Cook,	88

R. D. McKeen, expenses,	$ 4 20
Ziegler Electric Co.,	13 36
Thompson & Brown,	4 45
Hines & Noble,	3 20
Director of Old South Works.	1 25
Miss M. A. Pearson,	2 40
Little & Co.,	8 07
James A. Hale,	1 00
T. H. Hoyt,	2 00
Sargent Coal Co.,	308 78
S. C. Pease & Sons, varnish,	9 00
C. E. Knott & Co.,	3 00
J. L. Hammett Co., books and supplies,	118 76
Geo. S. Perry & Co.,	75 13
Howard & Brown,	10 50
First National Bank,	10 00
Preble Bros.,	7 39
Allyn & Bacon,	13 93
Henry Holt & Co.,	25 62
Silver Burdett & Co.,	46 72
F. E. Pease,	63
Houghton, Mufflin & Co.,	41 51
Emma Pearson,	1 00
Frost & Adams Co.,	5 60
F. W. Peabody, tuning piano,	2 00
Edward E. Babb,	34 09
American Book Co.,	22 00
S. A. McConnell,	51 87
Story & Co.,	3 49
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	69 22
Harper & Brothers,	9 42
Great Round World Publishing Co.,	1 75
Educational Publishing Co.,	1 88
John Muldoon, stock and labor,	37 25
C. B. Heath, printing,	26 50
W. W. Lydston,	22 50
E. P. Sargent,	50
W. H. Scott,	4 25
W. B. Chapman Estate,	1 15
Mrs. I. Heald, cleaning school rooms,	10 00

James Cooper,	15 63	
Charles A. Stevens,	11 25	
E. C. Emerson,	3 00	
C. P. Baker, cleaning school rooms,	35 10	
J. B. Heath, stock and labor,	27 69	
E. C. Sherman, cleaning school rooms,	10 00	
A. L. Baxter, repairs,	8 50	
Mrs. Edw. Whalen, cleaning school room,	16 00	
W. H. Thomas, stock and labor,	32 76	
N. L. Howe, putting in radiator,	18 30	
Exeter Machine Works,	68 57	
Alex. Hanna, truant officer,	25	
Wm. Jones, stock and labor,	3 80	
F. L. Parker, supplies,	34 77	
C. W. Chapman, stock and labor,	49 61	
F. C. Williams, repairing,	1 75	
I. H. Pendergast. team,	1 50	
Goodwin & Kendrick, oil stove,	10 00	
T. H. Hoyt, stamps,	2 26	
W. C. Russell, expressage,	4 45	
H. G. Hudson, cleaning clock,	1 50	
Bion Green,	65	
J. E. Currier,	18 46	
J. H. Cleary,	13 86	
American Express Co.,	16 80	
C. P. Baker, taking school census,	10 00	
C. P. Baker, truant officer and supplies,	5 70	
D. Moyer Staley, traveling expenses,	4 35	
		$ 9,664 34
Unexpended,		55 59
		$ 9,719 93

Appropriation,	$ 8,300 00	
Superintendent,	350 00	
Received from sale of books,	79 18	
Received from state, acc't Superintendent,	500 00	
Received from Mass. School Fund,	341 71	
Dog Tax,	149 04	
		$ 9,719 93

State and Military Aid.

STATE AID.

For twelve months ending February 1, 1898.

George F. Bailey,	$ 33 00	
John Doherty,	36 00	
Margaret Handley,	46 00	
Mary A. Hughes,	46 00	
John Jenkins,	60 00	
Rebecca Kennett,	48 00	
Stephen D. Kennett,	48 00	
Lydia A. Kennett,	48 00	
William F. Martins,	60 00	
Adeline Noyes,	24 00	
Ellen Rowe,	30 00	
Bryant Shays,	48 00	
Pluma A. Shays,	37 00	
Mary Whalan,	48 00	
Hannah V. Gordon,	4 00	
		$ 616 00

MILITARY AID.

Lyman Sargent,	$ 144 00	
		$ 144 00

Sargent Hall.

MERRIMAC, MASS., January 15, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—The report of Sargent Hall is as follows; From January 15, 1897, to January 15, 1898, the Hall has been opened 29 times.

Received for rent of hall,	$ 113 50
Paid Town Treasurer,	113 50

THOMAS PARKIN, Janitor.

Police Report.

MERRIMAC, MASS., February 1, 1898.

Arrests by Police for year ending Feb 1, 1898,		19
Assault,	1	
By entering,	1	
Drunkeness,	8	
Malicious Mischief,	1	
Larceny,	4	
Violation Town By-Laws,	2	
For Out-of-Town Officers,	2	
Number of Lodgers,	44	

J. FRED IVES, Chief of Police.

JURY LIST.

List of names to be voted on for Jurors at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, March 7, 1898:

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.
James W. Bailey,	Merrimac st.,	Carriagemaker.
Richard S. Bailey,	Merrimac st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
Joseph W. Bartlett,	Bartlett st.,	Carriage Woodworker.
George Brown,	Main st.,	Carriage Painter.
George W. Currier,	Main st.,	Carriage Woodworker.
Henry P. Davis,	Church st.,	Carriage Blacksmith.
William H. Emerson,	Bear Hill st.,	Farmer and Jobber.
Horace K. Emery,	Grove st.,	Carriage Woodworker.
Andrew J. Fullington,	Nichols st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
Melville S. Gibbs,	Locust st.,	Contractor.
George A. Grant,	Merrimac st.,	Carriage Bodymaker
Frank E. Hale,	Main st.,	Carriage Woodworker.
F. E. Harrington,	Maple st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
Lawson W. Howe,	Forest st.,	Wheelwright.
Charles E. Hoyt,	Birch Meadow.	Farmer.
Charles H. Hughes,	Merrimac st.,	Carriage Bodymaker.
Everett L. Jewell,	Forest st.,	Carriage Bodymaker.
Heman W. Kelley,	Woodland st.,	Carriage Bodymaker.
Willard B. Kelley,	Birch Meadow,	Farmer.
James M. Knight,	Main st.,	Insurance Agent.
Albert A. Lewis,	Pine st.,	Shoemaker.

Charles E. Little,	Main st.,	Retired Liveryman.
Edward C. Little,	Main st.,	Farmer.
James T. Locke,	Pleasant st.,	Wheelwright.
Charles A. Noyes,	Main st.,	Manufacturer.
George E. Ricker,	Main st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
J. H. Parker Thornell,	Main st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
J. Austin Lancaster,	Main st.,	Manufacturer.
J. C. Libby,	Pleasant st.,	Contractor.
George F. Kendrick,	Main st.,	Merchant.
Arthur C. Sargent,	Main st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
Walter H. Sargent,	Bear Hill,	Farmer.
T. Monroe Sargent,	Birch Meadow,	Shoemaker.
George B. Patten,	Main st.,	Manufacturer.
Thomas Stoyle,	School st.,	Carriage Trimmer.
Cyrus D. Trull,	Hadley,	Farmer.
John J. Woodman,	Main st.,	Farmer.
Charles E. Drew,	Church st.,	Retired.
Joseph W. Nichols,	Forest st.,	Carriage Woodworker.
John Sheehan,	Adams st.,	Carriage Blacksmith.
John J. Minahan,	Lincoln st.,	Blacksmith.
A. Wesley Colby,	Merrimac st.,	Trimmer.
Arthur W. Chase,	Merrimac st.,	Manufacturer.
Charles N. Sargent,	Merrimac st.,	Farmer.

Locust Grove Cemetery.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1898.

1897.	DR.		
Feb. 9.	To balance as per report,	$ 14 86	
	Deposit in savings bank,	500 00	
	Interest " "	80 02	
	Cash received from sale of lots,	125 00	
	Cash received from sale of posts,	9 00	
	Cash received from Town of Merrimac,	14 15	
			$ 743 03

1897.	CR.		
April 1.	By cash paid Morrill Gould, teaming,	$ 5 00	
5.	Mr. Trefethen, labor,	4 40	
8.	Mr. Torrey, sawing,	4 75	
10.	C. A. Wallace, labor,	10 70	
	for teaming,	1 25	
20.	T. Thurlow, trees,	10 25	
May 1.	for tools,	1 00	
10.	for teaming,	9 00	
	Mr. Woodman, labor,	1 00	
12.	Mr. Goodwin, labor,	1 50	
15.	Mr. Doherty, labor,	7 00	
20.	C. A. Wallace, labor,	3 40	
24.	Mr. Gale, labor,	20	
Aug. 5.	for printing,	6 00	
Nov. 1.	C. A. Wallace, labor,	9 50	
	Deposit in Savings Bank,	580 02	
	Deposit in National Bank,	88 06	
			$ 743 03

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LANCASTER,
GEORGE G. LARKIN, } Trustees,
C. E. ROWELL,

Merrimac, January 14, 1898.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

CHURCH STREET CEMETERY REPAIRS.

Appropriation March 1897,		$ 100 00
By paid Heath Bros., labor and stock,	27 75	
Wheel & Gear, sawing and planing,	2 80	
Cutting, drawing and sawing locust posts,*	14 15	
		$ 44 70
Unexpended,		$ 55 30

J. A. LANCASTER,
GEORGE G. LARKIN, } Committee.
C. E. ROWELL,

*60 large and small locust posts for sale.

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

		1897.
Valuation of Real Estate,		$ 980,250 00
" Personal Property,		340,248 00
" Resident Bank Stock,		69,650 00
" Non-Resident Bank Stock,		70,350 00
Number of persons assessed on property,		637
" " for poll tax only,		347
" of Polls,		709
" acres of land,		4,955·37
" dwelling houses,		533
" horses,		243
" cows,		225
" sheep,		0
" swine,		54
" neat cattle other than cows,		56
" fowls and value,	931	$ 465 50
Total tax assessed,		$ 23,646 26
Rate of taxation per $1,000,		17 00
County tax,		1,210 94
State tax,		945 00

Public property remains about the same as scheduled in 1896 only continually depreciating in value as it grows older.

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Balance of Note Merrimac Savings Bank, October 28, 1896,	$ 2,000 00	
Paid Note of Merrimac Savings Bank, March 8, 1897,	2,000 00	
Paid Note of Merrimac Savings Bank, April 10, 1897,	2,000 00	
Paid Note of Merrimac Savings Bank, May 3, 1897,	2,500 00	
Paid Note of Merrimac Savings Bank, June 7, 1897,	2,500 00	
Paid Note of Bond & Goodwin, July 2, 1897,	6,500 00	
		$ 17,500 00

Interest paid,		
Note of October 28, 1896,	$ 68 73	
" March 8, 1897,	30 44	
" April 10, 1897,	26 00	
" May 3, 1897,	24 17	
" June 7, 1897,	6 11	
" July 2, 1897,	32 50	
		$ 187 95

RECAPITULATION.

Department.	Appropr'n.	Rec'd other Sources.	Expended.	Unexp'n'd.	Overd'n.
Schools,	$ 8,300 00	State acct Supt. 500 00	$ 9,664 34	$ 55 59	
Supt. of Schools,	350 00	Mass. Sch. Fd. 341 71			
		Old Books, 79 18			
		Dog Tax, 149 04			
Poor,	2,000 00	Newburyport, 84 65	2,685 59		83 76
		Jos. Blackburn, 180 77			
		State, 150 95			
		Crowley estate, 117 96			
		E. Twombly, 67 50			
Highways,	1,800 00	Bicycles, 67 66	2,435 07		567 41
Sidewalks,	200 00	Nichols est., 23 27	340 70		117 43
Street Lights,	700 00		608 72	91 25	
Fire Department,	2,200 00		2,170 90	29 10	
Public Library,	500 00		500 00		
Memorial Day,	75 00		75 00		
Interest,	200 00		187 95	12 05	
Miscellaneous,	600 00		767 65		167 65
Discount on Taxes,	850 00		807 09	42 91	
Town Officers,	1,598 00		1,651 16		53 16
Total,	19,373 00	1,762 69	21,894 17	230 90	989 41

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Number of births returned,		37
Males,	17	
Females,	20	
Fathers, native born,	29	
Mothers, "	29	
Father and mother both native born,	25	
" " foreign "	4	

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded,		18
First marriage of groom,	13	
" " bride,	17	
Grooms native born,	16	
Brides "	16	
Average age of groom,	30 years, 4 months.	
" " bride,	28 years, 8 months.	

DEATHS.

Number of deaths returned,		31
Males,	16	
Females,	15	
Average age,	50 years, 11 months, 7 days.	
Oldest person,	94 years 11 months, 20 days.	
Under 5 years,	4	
Males, native born,	13	
Females, "	14	
Of native parentage,	22	
foreign "	7	
mixed "	2	

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed,				87
Males,	83	|	Females,	4

BAILEY SARGENT, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library,

OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

To the Board of Selectmen:

In presenting you this twenty-second annual report of the Public Library we can note nothing of importance aside from the usual routine of library work.

During the year the rooms have been opened 90 times and a total of 6,583 volumes delivered; the largest number in one day was 136; the following was the delivery by months; February, (1897) 332; March, 679; April, 565; May, 737; June, 582; July, 578; September, 514; October, 700; November, 594; December, 500; January, (1898) 802;

There has been 140 volumes added to the Library, of these 111 were purchased by the trustees, 26 were presented by the Commonwealth, and 3 years' files of the Budget, presented by the publisher, the latter have been bound and placed on the shelves of the Reference room. Through the kindness of Representative Moody we have continued to receive daily the Congressional Record and also a number of other Government publications of public interest.

The matter of a new catalogue and re-numbering the books which has so long been considered is now definitely settled and work on this has been commenced, the Dewey

system of numbering which has many excellent features and used by a large number of Libraries in the United States, has been adopted by the Trustees. The work has been so arranged that the numbering and any changes will be done during the usual summer closing, and the new catalogues printed ready for the opening in September. Meanwhile the work will not interfere with regular opening and use of the Library as usual.

As this work with the cost of printing the catalogue, etc., will call for a large expenditure the Board of Trustees have put off other outlays as much as possible for the present in order to have sufficient funds without calling on the town for an extra appropriation. This will explain why there is a larger unexpended balance than usual at the close of the financial year but this balance is mostly due on accounts already contracted, and we would therefore most respectfully ask for not less than the usual appropriation of $500.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. McCONNELL,
GEO. G. LARKIN,
JAMES F. PEASE,
CHAS. W. SAWYER,
R. S. BAILEY,
GEO. O. GOODWIN.
Trustees.

S. A. McCONNELL, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year ending March 1, 1898.

D. J. Poore, Treasurer, in account with the Merrimac Public Library.

DR.

To balance from previous year,	$ 14 13	
Received from appropriation,	500 00	
		$ 514 13

CR.

By paid for Books and Magazines,	$ 129 26	
Librarian,	200 00	
Binding Books,	28 95	
Printing,	12 25	
Fuel,	29 40	
Work on New Catalogues,	25 00	
Lighting,	3 10	
Express,	2 70	
Postage,	96	
Sundry supplies,	8 75	
Cash on hand,	73 76	
		$ 514 13

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Merrimac, February 15, 1898.

Annual Report of the Board of Engineers.

MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MERRIMAC, MASS., FEB. 1st, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

The Board of Engineers of the Merrimac Fire Department wish to submit the following report.

The Fire Apparatus consists of one Steam Fire Engine, one two-horse Hose Wagon, one Hand Engine, one Hand Hose Reel, one two-horse Hook and Ladder Truck, Five Extinguishers, together with ladders, axes, bars, life net, life line, gun, etc.

In the town report of 1896 it stated that the Fire Department had two Extinguishers, in the town report of 1897 it reported the Department with five extinguishers and it failed to report how the Department came to increase the number.

The Board wish to say that they exchanged an old hand hose reel which was stored in the cellar of the building now occupied by the band in the rear of the Engine House and owned by the town for three extinguishers, the axle was sprung on the reel and it was of no use whatever, entirely out of repair and fast going to pieces, while the extinguishers are bran new, latest thing made, and first-class in every respect.

We think it was a good trade as the reel was of no use to the Department and the extinguishers are liable to be called

into use any minute. We now carry two extinguishers on the Hook and Ladder Truck, two on the Hose Wagon and one at Merrimacport.

We have now nothing but double jacket knit hose in the Department, there is 1900 feet 13 years old, and 1750 feet of new hose some of which has never been used.

We had an appropriation last year of $700 to buy 1000 feet of hose. We bought 1200 feet for $600 and exchanged all our leather hose consisting of 2216 lbs. for 550 feet of hose just like what we bought outright, two hose pipes, and two extinguisher holders for the ladder truck, leaving a balance of $100 unexpended from that appropriation.

We have added two men to our working force. By placing two extinguishers on the Hook and Ladder Truck it was necessary to oblige two men from that company to manage them, thereby not leaving snfficient men to handle the heavy extension ladder, so their company now consists of 12 men instead of 10.

We have also added three fire alarm boxes, one in I. H. Pendergast's Stable known as box No. 16, one outside of J. B. Judkins & Sons Co. Carriage factory, Box No. 15, the other outside of the Central Engine house, Box No. 12, the last two boxes can be used any time day or night by breaking the glass and following the directions.

Last year the men who furnished horses to draw the apparatus complained that after running their horses with the heavy machines they had nothing to cover them with. They could not afford to buy blankets and keep on the apparatus and the property owners could not afford after a fire alarm to wait until they found some blankets and stopped to take them with them, as everybody knows that a minute at the beginning of a fire is worth fifteen later on, so the Board has purchased three pairs of blankets to be used only on the horses which are called out at an alarm and never to be taken

from the different pieces of apparatus except to be used as spoken of above.

We have bought ten new army coats so that every fireman in the Department, except the men who work on the breaks of the Gen. McClellan have a good warm coat with a heavy cap to wear only when working for the Fire Department.

There has been a pole placed in the Hook & Ladder Truck so as to have a pair of horses, thereby enabling them to get to a fire much quicker.

The Steam Fire Engine has had no repairs at all, the only outlay being some Pump Head Screws and Valve Springs costing $1.80.

There have been two alarms of fire. March 26, 1897 at 3.30 p. m. an alarm was rung in from Box 24 by Mrs. Alex Oxley for a fire on Nichols Avenue, in the house occupied by John Fitzgerald, cause unknown. Mr. Fitzgerald had been away that afternoon, and on returning, found his house on fire. He had the fire under control when the firemen arrived, so that the contents of an extinguisher soon put out what little fire there was. There was no water played on the building, and the all-out blew at 4 p. m. The property was owned by Mrs. John C. Bucklin of Newton, N. H., and was insured for $500.00, loss about $50; no loss on contents.

April 13, 1897 at 2.30 p. m., an alarm sounded from Box 13 for a grass fire in the rear of the residence of R. H. Sargent. The firemen quickly arrived and after half an hour's work extinguished the fire. The all-out sounded at 3.15 p. m. The fire was caused by burning brush and it got beyond the control of the men who were tending it. There was no loss.

There have been reported a number of small fires like lamps exploding, etc., but we are pleased to say that they

were checked with little damage to property and without a general alarm.

This year the Board have allowed the Selectmen to use the $100. unexpended on hose to insure the Fire Department building. In 1896 this amount was taken from miscellaneous the same fund from which the insurance of the School buildings comes from, in 1895 an appropriation of $100 was made purposely for this object. We have paid from our regular appropriation all the expenses caused by brush and grass fires, amounting to $34.13, which formerly has been paid from another source. Now the Board cannot do this every year and have an unexpended balance, it being done this year is only due to so few fires, the Steamer being in good repair, and not having had to buy any kennel coal, which is used by the Steamer and is very costly.

The Fire Department alone need every cent of the $1500 and cannot keep out of debt on less than that amount.

The Board recommend that $1600 be appropriated for the expenses of the Department the coming year, and that they insure their own property.

Trusting that the coming year may go on record with as little loss by fire as the year just ended, we remain

Yours Respectfully,

WM. M. CHASE, Chief,
J. B. THORN, 1st Assistant,
WM. S. JONAH, 2d Assistant.

Treasurer's Report.

D. J. Poore, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

DR.

March	1.	To Balance,	$ 530 12
	2.	" Mrs. A. B. Morse, sidewalk,	50
	4.	" J. Cleary Estate,	12 00
	10.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	2 92
	13.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
April	10.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	10 82
	15.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
May	4.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,500 00
June	2.	" Geo. W. Cate. court fees,	6 76
	18.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,500 00
July	3.	" Loan, Bond and Goodwin,	6,500 00
Aug.	31.	" State Treasurer, insp. of cattle,	25 00
Sept.	7.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Oct.	2.	" School Committee,	70 00
	9.	" City of Newburyport,	82 65
	12.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	1 57
	20.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	1,500 00
Nov.	4.	" School Committee,	500 00
	16.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	1 02
	20.	" G. W. Nichols, heirs, sidewalk,	23 27
	13.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	3 00
	27.	" Loan, Merrimac Savings Bank,	1,000 00
1898.			
Jan.	1.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	1 24
	7.	" Blackburn case,	130 00
		" H., M. & A. St. Ry. Co.,	200 00

Jan.	15.	" City of Newburyport,	$ 2 00	
	18.	" Geo. G. Larkin, bricks,	75	
	22.	" Canton Town Treasurer,	2 00	
	26.	" Mass. School Fund,	341 71	
	29.	" County Treasurer, dog tax,	149 04	
Feb'y	9.	" School Com., books and supplies,	1 66	
	11.	" School Com., books and supplies,	7 52	
	12.	" Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	2 59	
		" First National Bank, rent,	275 00	
		" Thomas Parkin, acct. Sarg't hall,	113 50	
		" State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	195 22	
		" " National Bank Tax,	255 92	
		" " State and Military Aid,	744 00	
		" " Burial of Soldiers,	35 00	
		" W. C. Russell, taxes,	269 40	
		" J. S. Clement, taxes,	21,745 84	
				$ 45,742 02

CR.

By paid County Tax,	$ 1,210 94	
Treas. Com'th, bank and corp. taxes,	69 55	
J. F. Ives, court fees,	2 13	
State Tax,	945 00	
National Bank Tax,	1,256 80	
State Aid,	616 00	
Military Aid,	144 00	
Selectmen's orders,	40,786 31	
Cash on hand,	711 29	
		$ 45,742 02

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Merrimac, February 16, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Due from State and Military Aid,	$ 863 00	
Cities and Towns,	602 12	
1-2 Cattle Commissioner's Salary,	37 50	
Church of Nativity, sidewalk,	39 86	
Cash on hand,	711 29	
Uncollected taxes, W. C. Russell,	1,190 82	
" J. S. Clement,	2,355 78	
		$5,800 37

LIABILITIES.

Balance of Note of September 13, 1897,	$ 1,500 00	
October 11, 1897,	1,500 00	
December 23, 1897,	1,000 00	
Accrued interest,	53 22	
Outstanding orders,	23 75	
Outstanding bills,	51 00	
		$ 4,127 97
Surplus,		$ 1,672 40
Decrease in assets the past year after abating $398.44 old taxes,		$ 846 29
Expended for bridge for which no appropriation was made,		$ 1,309 04
Gain of assets independent of re-building bridge,		$ 462 75

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. SARGENT,
R. S. BAILEY,
T. L. GOODWIN,
Selectmen of Merrimac.

Collector's Account for 1892-'95.

W. C. RUSSELL, COLLECTOR.

W. C. RUSSELL, Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

DR.

Uncollected taxes March 1, 1897,		$ 1,561 80

CR.

Abatements,	$ 101 58	
Cash paid D. J. Poore, Treasurer,	269 40	
Balance Uncollected,	1,190 82	
		$ 1,561 80

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. RUSSELL, Collector.

Merrimac, Mass., February 15, 1898.

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

List of Taxes Remaining Unpaid Feb. 15, 1898.

W. C. RUSSELL, Collector.

1892.	
Battis, James W.	2 00
Battis, Geo. H.	2 00
Battis, Elmer E.	3 20
Currier, Wm. A.	2 40
Parker, John C.	2 00
Tenney, Jno. E.	5 20
Kimball, Stephen T.	80
Bagley, Thos.	80
Connell, T. J.	3 40
1893.	
Battis, Benj. H.	11 31
Battis, Geo. H.	2 00
Berran, Roger,	2 00
Currier, Jane A. heirs,	1 90
Connell, T. J.	45 70
Chaplin, Chas. L.	10 55
Doyle, Michael H.	1 00
Greeley, Peter,	7 20
Hagg, Anton	2 00
Jenkins, John	2 48
McHugh, Wm.	2 00
Richardson, Henry C.	2 00
Scanlon, John N.	2 00
Rogers, Wm. H.	2 00
Currier, Thos. A.	1 90
Peaslee, John S.	3 33
Kimball, Stephen T.	95
Bagley, Thos.	95
Cooper, George E.	95
1894.	
Avery, Alden A.	5 07
Addison, Joseph	35 20
Bancroft, Leman E.	35 78
Battis, Benj. H.	17 58
Battis, Geo. H.	2 00
Battis, Joseph W.	2 00
Burns, Michael H.	2 00
Barker, John E.	2 00
Currier, Jane heirs,	1 75
Currier, Wm. A.	2 44
Connell, T. J.	41 38
Chaplin, Chas. L.	9 97
Colby, Chas.	2 00
Currier, Oliver,	2 00
Doucet, F. A.	2 00
Doyle, Michael H.	2 00
Doyle, James jr	2 00
Frechett, Jno. B.	2 00
Gray, Herbert S.	2 00
Goodwin, Fred B.	2 00
Greeley, Peter,	16 00
Hoyt, J. heirs,	23 63
Hoyt, J. B. heirs,	7 00
Hagg, Anton,	2 00
Handley, J. E.	2 00
Hartt, J. J.	2 00
Jenkins, John	9 44
Lyons, Wm. M.	8 57
Lea, Fred	2 00
Lyons, Wm. M.	2 00
Murphy, James W.	2 00
Morrill, E. B.	2 00
Meehan, Dennis	2 00
McHugh, Wm.	2 00
Nichols, H. H.	2 00
Nevins, J. P.	2 00
Noon, Michael heirs,	6 56
Olson, Lewis	2 00
Parker, John C.	2 00
Pettigrew, F. O. heirs,	12 25
Richardson, Henry C.	2 00
Shays, Wm. E.	2 00
Sheridan, Thos. W.	2 00
Sheridan, James	50
Scanlon, James F.	2 00
Schofield, Herman B.	2 00
Simmons, Chas. H.	2 44
Scanlon, John N.	2 00
Thompson, Willard H.	2 00
Wallace, James L.	2 00
Orpheon Club,	88
Currier, Thomas A.	1 75
Peaslee, John S.	3 07
Favor, Mrs. Nancy	7 88
Day, Joseph heirs	1 75

Kimball, Stephen T.	88
Connor, John	5 69
Bagley, Thos.	88
Nichols, Jno. A. heirs	2 19
Cooper, George	88
Ford, Ella W.	5 25

1895.

Abbott, Daniel G.	2 83
Blodgett, Lucy M.	40 45
Bailey, Franklin P.	7 40
Barlow, Joseph	2 00
Bullard, A. C.	3 16
Battis, Wm.	2 00
Battis, Benj. H.	15 69
Battis, Geo. H.	2 00
Bancroft, Leman E.	33 04
Burns, Michael P.	2 00
Baker, Chas. P.	2 00
Betts, Frank W.	3 25
Blanch, Chas. D.	2 00
Blackburn, J.	35 20
Currier, Wm. A.	2 42
Colby, Mrs. Brazillia	3 98
Chase, Wesley	2 00
Connor, Katherine	83
Connor, Timothy E.	17 86
Connell, T. J.	3 25
Chaplin, Chas. L.	9 89
Carroll, Arthur C.	2 00
Carr, Robert	16 94
Crouse, Jas. C.	19 43
Callum, A. J.	2 00
Doucett, F. A.	2 00
Donahue, John E.	2 00
Daley, Timothy F.	2 00
Evans, John M.	2 00
Foster, Jas. H.	17 77
Frechett, Jno. B.	2 00
Goodwin, Hayden T.	2 00
Goodwin, Fred B.	2 00
Gunnison, Geo. G.	24 41
Greeley, Martin	2 00
Greeley, Michael	31 90
Greeley, Peter	15 28
Hoyt, J. heirs	12 41
Hoyt, Mrs. Carrie J.	14 11
Handley Geo. W.	2 00
Jenkins, John	8 64
Lovell, A. J.	2 00
Loud, Otis S.	3 66
Lofqvist, Frank	2 00
Murphy, Chas. B.	2 00
Morrill, Chas. B.	2 83
Mahoney, Jeremiah	2 00
McHugh. Wm.	2 00
Nichols, H. H.	2 00
Noon, Michael heirs	6 23
Olson, Lewis	2 00
Parker, John C.	2 00
Prescott, Geo. S.	15 28
Pettigrew, F. O. heirs,	11 62
Pickard, Thurston	2 17
Parsons, Andrew	2 00
Ruel, Lawrence	2 00
Richardson, Henry C.	2 00
Richardson, Chas. A.	2 00
Ramsdell, Chas. F.	2 83
Redman, Clarence	2 83
Redman, Charles E.	3 25
Shay, Wm. E.	2 83
Sheridan, James	2 00
Scanlon, James F.	2 00
Scanlon, John	2 00
Scofield. Herman B.	2 00
Spofford, N. J.	22 47
Simmons, Chas. H.	2 41
Scanlon, John N.	2 00
Sargent, J. P. heirs	50 63
Sargent, Wm. A.	2 00
Thompson, Willard D.	2 00
Wallace, Chas. A.	11 32
Williams, Walter S.	25 24
Williams, Isaac W.	10 68
Wallace, James L.	2 00
Webster, A. M.	11 96
Webster, Bert W.	2 00
Orpheon Club,	83
Currier, Thomas A.	1 66
Peaslee, John S.	2 91
Day, Joseph heirs	1 66
Kimball, Stephen T.	83
Connor, John	5 40
Parsons, P. H.	4 15
Lane, Mary Ann	7 06
Cooper, George	83
Noon, Mathew	2 49
Ford, Ella W.	4 98
Tenney, John E.	3 32
Bagley, Thos.	83

Collector's Report.

JOHN S. CLEMENT, Collector.

John S. Clement, Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

DR.

To Uncollected Taxes, 1896,	$ 1,646 99	
Re-assessed,	3 40	
Tax List and additions, 1897,	23,621 63	
		$ 25,272 02

CR.

By Cash paid Treasurer,	$ 21,745 84	
Discounts,	807 09	
Abatements, 1896,	54 23	
Abatements, 1897,	309 08	
Uncollected taxes, 1896,	548 31	
Uncollected taxes, 1897,	1,807 47	
		$ 25,272 02

List of Taxes Remaining Unpaid Feb. 15, 1898.

	1896.	1897.
Bancroft, L. E.	$ 33 62	$ 33 62
Blotner, Moses	12 20	13 14
Blackburn, Joseph	36 00	36 00
Chase, Wesley	2 00	
Crowley heirs,	5 10	13 60

	1896.	1897.
Crockett, L. C.	$ 2 00	$ 2 00
Coleman, Mrs. C. E.	21 25	21 25
Conner, T. E., bal.	11 06	18 31
Connell, Mrs. T. J., bal.	25 70	35 70
Doyle, James	18 15	16 15
Elliot, E. and L. J.	10 40	
Farrington, O. C. heirs,	20 00	20 00
Greeley, Michael heirs,		36 13
Foster, J. H., bal.,	7 53	17 13
Greeley, Peter, bal.,	13 60	13 60
Greeley William, bal.,	9 53	16 46
Hoyt, Mrs. Job heirs, bal.,	12 95	22 95
Holbrook, F. G.,	2 00	2 00
Jewett, Mrs. L. W.	17 00	17 00
Jenkins, John	8 80	8 80
Morse, M. A.	18 00	68 00
Means, D. M.		33 45
Miles, C. W.	13 18	18 58
Porter, J. W., bal.,	14 30	34 30
Pettigrew, F. O., heirs,	11 90	11 05
Parker, G. F.	2 00	
Spofford, N. J., bal.,	23 98	34 02
Sargent, J. P., heirs,	32 34	36 29
Sargent, Clara J.	5 60	5 95
Twombly, Edward, bal.,	9 00	17 00
Williams, W. S.	25 80	25 80
Williams, J. A., bal.,	13 23	21 13
Webster, A. M.	12 20	12 20
Wentworth, Mrs. John	22 95	22 95
Kimball, S. T.	85	85
Connors, John, heirs,	2 13	5 53
Sargent, O. Everett, bal.,	6 00	29 75
Cooper, Geo.	85	85
Ford, E. W.	5 10	5 10
Prescott, Geo. S., bal.,	2 13	2 13
Tuckwell, C. H.	23 68	23 68
F. A. Loud,	34 30	34 30

1897.	
Evans, Mrs. J. M.	8 00
Farra, Robert	9 23
Gunnison, Geo. G.	24 95
Griffin, Mary	5 10
Gale, J. W.	2 85

Goodwin, T. Hayden,	2 00
Holt, J. T., heirs,	22 10
Jenkins, Frank,	2 00
Kittredge, G. E.	2 00
Lovell, A. J.	2 00
Lawson, Alex. H.	24 10
Lewis, A. A.	20 70
Loud & Batchelder,	25 50
Morse, W. H.	2 00
Morse, E. W.	70 60
Morrison, Wm. H.	2 00
Morrill, H. C.	2 00
Morrill, C. O.	2 00
Miles, Louise S.	51
Adams, Geo.,	54 70
Adams, W. O.	3 70
Adams, C. D.	2 00
Blodgett, Lucy	62 90
Bailey, F. P.	7 53
Bailey, L. M. bal.,	11 55
Bartlett, F. E.	23 85
Berran, Roger	2 00
Burns, M. P.	2 00
Baker, C. P.	2 00
Bassong, Ed.	2 00
Bassong, Wm.	2 00
Bunker, D. C.	6 57
Colby, J. W.	28 95
Colby, Mrs. Berilla, heirs,	12 58
Coombs, P. R.	17 30
Carter, Wm. F.	16 03
Curtis, Geo. A.	2 00
Cummings, N. P.	29 20
Cummings, G. W.	2 00
Crouse, J. C.	19 43
Callahan, J. D.	14 75
Davis, I. C., bal.,	21 43
Noyes, C. H. A.	2 00
Noon, Margaret	1 28
Newton, F. W.	6 25
Newton, Chas.	2 00
Nicol, J. G.	2 00
O'Connor, L. J.	18 15
Parsons, Andrew	2 00
Porter, J. N.	2 00
Redman, Chas. E.	3 36
Redman, Clarence	2 00
Shay, W. E.	7 95
Sorenson, R. R., bal.,	14 20
Stickney, Mrs. heirs	15 73
Simmons, C. H.	2 00
Scanlan, J. N.	2 00
Scanlan, W. H.	2 00
Sargent, W. P., heirs,	31 45
Thompson, W. D.	2 00
Traverse, Michael	17 30
Troughton, Thos., bal.,	3 70
Taylor, Benj. H.	4 13
Wadleigh, D. E.	17 30
Wallace, J. L.	2 00
Dodge, J. W.	7 65
Currier, T. A.	1 70
Peasley, J. S.	2 98
Peasley, Richard	14 45
Favor, Nancy, heirs,	7 65
Kelley, Myron	43
Coombs, Alfred H.	85
Bagley, Thos.	85
O'Neill, John	2 55
Langdon, Mary A.	7 65
Howe, H. M.	107 10
Burque, Alphonso	32 30
Cherry, J. L.	10 20

FIREMEN.

Berry, Geo. W.	2 85
Bailey, J. W.	2 85
Currier, O. S., jr.,	2 00
Currier, J. W.	2 00
Carter, Alex. B.	2 00
Carter, C. H.	2 00
Chase, F. H. G.	2 00
Coleman, C. E.	2 85
Coombs, A. H.	2 00
Carpenter, W. J.	2 00
Donahue, J. E.	2 00
Evans, H. E.	2 00
Gilday, Henry	2 00
Gilday, G. S. H.	2 00
Gilmore, Michael	2 00
Grant, Geo. S.	2 00
Goldsmith, W. H.	2 60
Hanley, G. W.	2 00
Keough, T. W.	2 00
Patten, Jona.	5 40
Ryan, Patrick	2 00
Welsh, J. T.	2 00
Wallace, Chas. E.	2 00
Flynn, J. P.	2 00

Auditor's Report.

I have reviewed the accounts of the Collector, Selectmen, and Treasurer, for the year ending February 1, 1898, and find vouchers for all orders drawn by the Selectmen, with the exception of orders for three bills, the payment of which to the right parties has been plainly proven. I find vouchers for all payments made by the Treasurer.

Total amount of orders drawn by Selectmen,			$ 40,758 39
The Treasurer has paid			
Orders of last year,			51 67
" this "		40,758 39	
Less orders not in			
No. 615,	1 15		
" 853,	25		
" 873,	1 05		
" 881,	4 50		
" 918,	16 80	23 75	40,734 64
Total of orders paid by Treasurer,			$ 40,786 31

PHILIP C. MEANS, Auditor.

Merrimac, Feb. 17, 1898.

School Report.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

T. H. HOYT, chairman,	Term expires March 1898
BION GREEN,	" *1899
FRANK E. PEASE, secretary,	" 1900

SUPERINTENDENT.

R. D. McKEEN,	Term expired July 31, 1897
C. C. FERGUSON,	Principal High School
L. FRANCES TUCKER,	First Assistant High School
ANNIE L. KNIGHT,	Second Assistant High School
LUCY A. CRAWFORD,	Center First Grammar
JESSIE L. HOLMES,	Middle Street Second Grammar
ANNIE R. HUNTER, EMMA PEARSON,	Center Third Grammar
EMMA PEARSON, MARY H. HEAD,	Center Fourth Grammar
MARY H. HEAD, ANNIE R. HUNTER,	Prospect Street Intermediate
ETTA COLBY,	Center First Primary
CARRIE M. EVANS,	Prospect Street Second Primary
LOUISE C. BRACKETT,	Middle Street Second Primary
IDA M. BLAISDELL,	Merrimacport Grammar
HATTIE A. BAXTER,	Merrimacport Primary and Intermediate
ABBIE L. CLEMENT,	Bear Hill
LIZZIE B. SMITH,	Teacher of Music
MARY L. COOK, MRS. S. E. PRICE,	Teachers of Drawing

TRUANT OFFICERS.

CHARLES P. BAKER ALEX. HANNA

*Resignation March 1898.

Merrimac High School.

Graduates, 1897.

Sadie M. Collins,	English Course
Persis L. Clement,	English Course
Nellie W. Eaton,	English Course
Lilian M. Gunnison,	English Course
Minnie M. Gassett,	General Course
Nora M. Greeley,	English Course
Jeannette L. Gibbs,	General Course
Winnifred M. Hanna,	General Course
James L. Howe,	General Course
Charles E. Knight,	English Course
Pearle K. Nichols,	General Course
Judith S. Rowell,	General Course
Nettie J. Spofford.	General Course
Abbie W. Smart,	General Course
Margaret E. Tewhill,	General Course

Twenty-second Annual Report.

The school committee respectfully submit the following report for the year 1897-8.

Population of the town, census of 1895,	2,301
Number of schools in town,	12
Number of teachers employed including special teachers,	15
Number of different teachers employed, including special teachers,	17
Number of children in town, May 1, 1897, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, as per census,	359
Decreased from last year,	2
Whole number of different pupils enrolled during the year,	461
Number of children in town, May 1, 1897, between the ages of 8 and 14 years, as per census,	213
Decreased from last year,	2
Average membership for the year,	385
" attendance "	366
Per cent of attendance, "	95
" " " 1897,	95

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation by town,	$ 8,300 00	
Appropriation for Supt.,	350 00	
Rec'd from State on acc. of Supt.,	500 00	
" " Mass. school fund,	341 71	
" " Dog Tax,	149 04	
" for Books and Supplies sold,	79 18	
		$ 9,719 93

Expended for Supt. and teachers,	$ 7,131 48	
Transportation of pupils,	372 50	
Care of buildings,	587 75	
Books and supplies,	672 63	
Sundries,	355 64	
Repairs,	235 69	
Fuel,	308 78	
Unexpended,	55 46	
		$ 9,719 93

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

No extensive repairs have been made the past year. All the buildings are in fair condition and reasonably appropriate for school purposes, excepting those at the Center.

Years ago the committee called the attention of the citizens of Merrimac to these buildings, and stated that they were inappropriate for the needs of the schools, and recommended that they be removed and a new building erected to take their place. At that time a committee of citizens were appointed by the town to investigate the matter, who agreed with the school committee in their recommendation; but the immediate need of additional school accommodations at that time, resulted in the erection of the Middle street schoolhouse and no further action was taken by the town in regard to a new building at the Center. As was well understood, the

expedient was only temporary, and the necessity for a new building becomes greater and more apparent every year.

All the rooms in the Center building are inconvenient; improperly lighted and ventilated, which causes them to be injurious to the eyes of the scholars, and detrimental to their health; all the rooms in the older building are gloomy and in a dilapitated condition. It is impossible to remedy these defects by way of repairs, and additional rooms are now needed for proper school work. Since the opening of the schools last September, we have been using as a class-room, the Town Office in Sargent hall, which was vacated by the Selectmen, in recognition of the needs of the schools. This room is hardly suitable for a recitation room, because of its distance from the school and its want of appointments, but it is the best we could obtain, and we desire to publicly express our appreciation of the generous and public-spirited act of the Board of Selectmen in voting its use for our schools. Two more rooms are essential for school work at the center, but no proper ones seem to be available.

While we do not, by reason of the long period of business depression, which our town in common with other places has experienced, recommend the erection of a new building at once, we should feel that we had omitted to perform a duty, which we as school officers and citizens, owe to our town, should we fail to emphatically present the subject in this report, and to urge the action of the town in this regard at no distant future.

The question of a water supply, which would involve the expenditure of large sums of money and consequently would increase taxation, has received the active attention of our citizens. While we are in no wise hostile to any feasible public improvement, we believe that the welfare of the children of the town, and therefore the welfare and honor of

the town itself, require that its first permanent public improvement should be a new building at the Center. It is better to tax property even in times of business stagnation, than to tax the moral, mental and physical growth of the children.

SUPERVISION.

Merrimac voted last March to form a union with West Newbury, Salisbury and Newbury, or with any two of said towns, for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools, but none of them voted to form a district, consequently we have had no superintendent since the first of August last, when the union of Bradford and Merrimac was dissolved because of the annexation of Bradford to Haverhill. We trust that two of the towns with which we voted last year to form a district for the purpose of employing a superintendent, will at their next town meetings in March, vote to unite with Merrimac. No further vote to unite with these towns is necessary on the part of our town, as her vote of last year still continues in force. We recommend an appropriation of $350 for the employment of a district superintendent.

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Authorized by a vote of the town, the school committee expended a part of the general appropriation for schools, in conveying the pupils in the Birch Meadow and Highland districts, to and from the Center schools. The benefits resulting from this consolidation of schools are beyond question, and should be continued. The cost of transportation is about the same as for the support of the two district schools. The pupils receive about two months more schooling, and have better school advantages. The parents and pupils in both districts appreciate the increased benefits, and are satisfied with the manner in which the transportation has been conducted.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School under the principalship of Mr. Ferguson has made excellent progress and is in good condition. It became necessary at the beginning of the year in September to employ another assistant teacher, and Miss Annie L. Knight of Portland, a graduate of Colby University was elected to that position. Our facilties for doing High school work are very limited. We need a better school-room, better recitation rooms, better laboratory conveniences, and better furniture. The seats and desks belong to a primitive age and have been in constant use; they are rough, rickety and repulsive. They are defaced by the deeply engraved and uncipherable hieroglyphics of many generations of energetic youth, in accordance with a practise of years ago, happily to a large extent now extinct. Those desks and seats should be removed and the room refitted with more modern and appropriate furniture. We recommed an appropriation of $400 for this purpose. Our High School is an honor to the town, and deserves, with all the other schools, the hearty and liberal support of its citizens. Attention is called to the report of the Principal appended hereto.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Physical exercises have been required in all the schools since their opening in September. We think importance should be given in the school-room to the fact that the highest development of the moral and mental faculties cannot be reached, if the physique is neglected. No special instructor has been employed, so there is no uniformity of exercises, although they are similar throughout the schools. Most of the teachers have entered earnestly into the work, and in a large measure the results are gratifying.

PENMANSHIP.

More attention has been given to this important branch of education and in many of the schools much improvement

has been made. Prof. D. Moyer Staley of Billerica, Mass., was employed during a part of the spring term to give special instruction to the teachers and scholars. We are using the slant system as heretofore. While many cities and towns have adopted the vertical, the comparative merits of the two systems has not yet been determined by agreement of leading educators, and in a spirit of conservatism, we have adhered to the old system, not yet feeling sure that the innovation is not a "fad."

COURSE OF STUDY.

The outlines of the partial course of study for the lower grades, adopted under the supervision of Mr. McKeen, have been followed, and there has been no change in the method of teaching. The revision of the 1890 course of study should be completed and published the coming year.

TEACHERS.

There have been but few changes during the year. In September Miss Pearson was transferred from grade V to grade VI; Miss Head from grade IV to grade V; and Miss Hunter from grade VI to grade IV. Miss M. A. Pearson, teacher of drawing, resigned in January, 1897, to accept a high position in one of the Mass. Normal schools; she was succeeded by Miss Mary L. Cook of West Roxbury, Mass., who remained until the close of the spring term. Mrs. S. E. Price of Manchester, N. H., a former teacher in the public schools of Merrimac, has had charge of this department since the beginning of the fall term.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

There have been several meetings during the year under the auspices of the Merrimac Teachers' association. These meetings have been addressed by Mr. Henry T. Bailey and Mr. John T. Prince, agents of our State Board of Education, Prof. Arthur Boyden, of the Bridgewater Normal school, and President Stanley Hall of Clark University. There have also

been frequent meetings under the direction of the teachers of drawing.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

We express our thanks to the Trustees of the Public Library for the continued privilege of using books of the Library in the schools. We hope the privilege may be continued, as it is of the highest benefit to the scholars in many ways, apparent to all.

CONCLUSION.

We are gratified to be able to report a year of successful and uninterrupted work for the schools. Nearly all of them have made good progress and many of them have been very successful in their work. As good as our schools are they should improve every year. They cost money, but the town cannot afford to have poor schools whatever it costs to maintain them in good condition. The very best education and training are none too good for fitting our children and youth to be true and loyal citizens of the town and nation, and for their own happiness and success in life. The best results cannot be accomplished without good and cheerful school rooms, pleasant school surroundings, and good facilities for school work. We should have the best teachers, and in order to have them we must pay good salaries. We ask for an increased appropriation this year, which we think should be, and will be, cheerfully granted. We ask for no more than the schools need. After careful consideration we recommend that appropriations be made as follows:

For a District Superintendent,	$ 350 00
Desks and seats,	400 00
Conveyance of pupils,	500 00
General school purposes,	8,750 00

T. H. HOYT,
BION GREEN,
FRANK E. PEASE, } School Committee.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 2, 1898.

To the Chairman of the School Committee:

There have been several improvements in the High School during the past year.

Owing to the purchase of some new physical and chemical apparatus, we have been enabled to do considerably more work than heretofore in these studies. Together with other apparatus a fine dynamo has been presented to the school by several public spirited citizens. This gift was practical and useful and was highly appreciated, and has added greatly in making the study of electricity more interesting.

However, most satisfactory work cannot be expected in Physics and Chemistry without a room so equipped that the pupil may perform his own experiments; such a room could be obtained by devoting the upper floor of the Center school building to High School purposes and at no great expense, this would also remove the inconvenience of sending classes from the school building as is now done, for the same room could be used as a labratory and for recitations.

As in preceding years, we have been allowed free access to the Public Library and have found its reference books invaluable for school purposes. The debating society for the scholars has been continued and with better results this year than heretofore.

A plan of having the leading periodicals in the school room has been started, and it is hoped that its success will

guarantee its continuance. Some work has been done in physical training and through the kindness of the selectmen, we have been permitted to use Sargent hall for this purpose about twenty minutes each day. The advantages of such training do not require mention as they are known to all.

The seats in the High School room are in many cases too small, for the most part rickety and all unsuitable and unsatisfactory. New desks also would permit a different arrangement of the seats so that the pupils would not have to face the windows as they do now and with consequent danger to their eyesight.

The increase of the teaching force of the school has allowed many improvements that were before impracticable. By giving longer recitation periods, it secures to each class more attention and longer time, and this is of vital importance to many classes, particularly in Language, Mathematics and several of the sciences. Also the change has permitted a revision of the course of study in such a way as to make it more disciplinary and thorough. The general effect has been most satisfactory and the wonder seems to be how it was ever possible to get along with a smaller teaching force. The new course, to be maintained, will require a continuance of the same number of teachers as is now employed.

Indeed, I might say, the success of a college preparatory course depends in a large measure upon this, and the well being of the school demands it.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. FERGUSON.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

The schools have been under my supervision since September and are now doing very good work. Each school has been visited twice each month, the work inspected, a lesson given and such aid as was needed.

In the Primary grades we have taken Form, Color and Drawing, doing regular grade work. As this is the most important period of a child's instruction we aim to do very thorough work.

In the Grammar grades we aim to acquaint the pupils with the rudiments of mechanical and free-hand drawing, both being equally important, one being the foundation of industrial art, and the other of the fine arts.

In the High school one hour twice a month is all the time that can be given to Drawing, therefore the progress is necessarily slow.

The pupils show marked improvement in ability to express what they see, and to do accurate work. Skill and power to express our perception of beauty accurately, come only through persistent practice in Drawing.

The aim has been to do thorough, practical work in all grades thereby making this study of great value to the pupils in many ways.

Respectfully,

MRS. S. EVANNAH PRICE.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the School Committee of Merrimac:

I submit the following report:

I feel that the ground covered by the Music course in the public schools of Merrimac, Mass., has been all that could have been asked for. In the ninth grade, the work has been marked by an earnestness and evident enjoyment on the part of the pupils, which has added greatly to the result obtained. I take pleasure in noting the uniform work done by the boys of all my grades, this being a feature of the work especially gratifying.

I have introduced Coda work at different intervals to the gain thereby of the pupils, as a break in the book routine. I recommend the placing of No. 1 Readers in the third grade, second year work, as soon as possible. Time drill and sight reading, essential points in school music, have been carefully carried on by my teachers, and with their assistance, I have endeavored to make music a practical and useful study, as well as a pleasure to the pupils of the public schools.

To those who have been engaged with me in this work, to the committee, for their co-operation and support, my sincere thanks are due; and to the townspeople of Merrimac, I extend a cordial welcome and invitation to visit the schools at music periods, thus encouraging both pupils and teachers.

Respectfully,

ELIZABETH B. SMITH.

Merrimac, Mass., January 27, 1898.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

To the School Committee of Merrimac:

I would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1898.

Number of visits made,	13
Truants taken to school,	3

Respectfully,

C. P. BAKER.

Merrimac, Mass., February 9, 1898.

SCHOOL SIGNALS.

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2 blasts repeated twice, ! ! ! ! ! !, at 8.00 a. m., no forenoon session.

Same signal at 12.45 p. m., no afternoon session.

Same signal at 11.30 a. m., one session.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

FOR THE

Annual Meeting, Monday, March 7, 1898.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk; three Selectmen, who will be Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; one School Committee for three years; one School Committee for one year; one Trustee of Cemetery for three years; two Trustees for Public Library for three years; three Constables; three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark; three Fence Viewers; three Field Drivers; Auditor of Accounts. Also to bring in their votes upon the same ballot, Yes or No, on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town." In voting under this article the polls will be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 3. To determine what sum of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 4. To fix a time for payment of taxes and see what discount if any the town will allow for prompt payment of taxes.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will authorize its Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed a Collector of Taxes in accordance with Section 19, Chapter 423 of acts of 1893.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, under direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes and pay any indebtedness of the town.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the jury list as revised by the selectmen.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of D. O. Leavitt and forty-one others, to see if the town will vote to construct during the present year a suitable drain on Church street to carry off surface water, said drain to begin near house of Horace Hoyt and extending with necessary openings and to connect with the sewer near the Congregational church or to brook which crosses said street; also a branch extending into Maple street twenty-five feet. If so, to make necessary appropriations therefor.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to employ a Town Physician.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make necessary repairs on town hall and if so to make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of John B. Heath and others to see if the town will vote to build a new tomb and if the town shall vote so to do, to make the necessary appropriation and choose the necessary committee to carry the article into effect.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large. And to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.